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Spoke with Mr. Holiman, in the office of the Deputy Attorney General, concerning his request that the Agency send a letter to the House Committee on Government Operations advising that this Agency preferred the original language of H. R. 7865 as opposed to the proposed Committee amendment. I advised Hollman that as I had indicated to him on Thursday the activities of this Agency which might be affected by this bill were of a sensitive nature on which this Agency would not want to testify and that we did not want to precipitate a further invitation from the Committee to do so. I told Hoffman that we would be willing to assist the Department in the drafting of alternative language if they desire but since we were already on record with the Committee on H. R. 7865 to the effect that we had no objection to the original bill, we would not want to comment further in writing. While Hoffman wanted assistance, he said he could understand this problem adding that all the agencies having an interest in the bill had sensitive problems which precluded detailed discussions by them. He said the Department had getten itself into this position (obviously referring to their earlier letter from Deputy Attorney General White) and they would have to get themselves out of it.

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Office of General Counsel, DOD, that a letter would be coming forward the first of next week from Mr. Cyrus R. Vance, General Counsel, DOD, requesting Agency clearance of a proposed release of information on the for Congressional and press use.

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